

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE PENALTY FOR A SPEEDING VIOLATION IF FRONT HEADLIGHTS ARE IN USE DURING DAYTIME HOURS ON PRIMARY AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-725, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Reduction of fines for speeding violations for daytime use of headlights. A driver of a vehicle who receives a speeding violation pursuant to 61-8-303 must have the penalties proscribed in 61-8-725 reduced by 20% if the vehicle has the headlights engaged at any time from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. This reduction in penalties applies only to vehicles being driven on primary and interstate highways.

Section 2. Section 61-8-725, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-8-725. Penalty for violation of speed limits -- no record for certain violations. (1) Subject to [section 1], a A person violating the speed limit imposed pursuant to 61-8-303 shall be fined in accordance with the following schedule:

Amount of Fine	MPH in Excess of Speed Limit
\$ 20	1 - 10 (daytime)
20	1 - 10 (nighttime)
40	11 - 20
70	21 - 30
100	31+

(2) A violation of a speed limit imposed pursuant to 61-8-303 is not a criminal offense within the meaning of 3-1-317, 45-2-101, 46-18-236, 61-8-104, and 61-8-711 and, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, may not be recorded or charged against a driver's record, and an insurance company may not hold a violation of a speed limit against the insured or increase premiums because of the violation if the speed limit is exceeded by no more than:



